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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Dear Sir:

This Application Has Been Made Special**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Office Action of February 4, 2003, the applicant hereby traverses the six-way restriction requirement for the reasons given below.

The tentative election is hereby made of the Species 1 Figs. 1-4) in the event that a generic claim for more than one embodiment is not allowed.

The restriction requirement is respectfully requested to be withdrawn since each of the species noted by the Examiner are improved putters having the same principle of operation and the same basic elements making up the combination and thereby belong in the single application. The basic combination is a putter head and shaft in which a weight member is secured centrally located to the rear side of the club head by a

support which spaces it from the blade portion. This combination is present in each of the figures of the drawing. The differences relate to how the weight member and its support are secured to the club head but all are centered about the desired point of impact or "sweet spot".

In the embodiment of the tentative elected species Figs. 1-4, the weight and its support extend from the rear side of the striking face at about the critical and horizontal center of the striking face.

In the embodiment of Figs. 5 and 6, the attachment point for the support of the rear weight is at or above the top of the striking face.

In the embodiments of Figs. 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11, the support for the weight extends through the club head to the striking face and the rear mounted weight is mounted on the support.

In the embodiments of Figs. 9-11, the weight is again supported from the front face with its support member terminating at the front face but with the weight totally enclosed within the club head. Again, the weight is supported to the rear of the striking face.

In the embodiments of Figs. 12 and 13, the support of the weight constitutes an extension of the faceplate of the club head while still maintaining the same operational relationship.

In the embodiments of Species 6 (Figs. 14 and 15), again the weight supported to the rear of the striking face and in this case the weight is in a rear opening cavity and this support extends through to the striking face.

The commonality of the functional arrangement of each embodiment and the

operation being the same clearly establishes that this is one invention with various arrangements to achieve the same end result to the same theory of operation.

In further support of this unity of invention, it is submitted that claim 1 is generic to all claims and all embodiments with the exception of Fig. 9 in which the weight is totally enclosed within the club head.

Claim 14 is generic to Figs. 1-11.

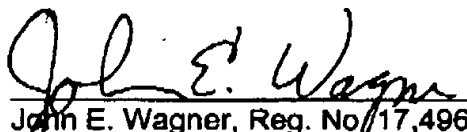
Claim 20 is generic and reads upon Figs. 1-4 and 9-18.

Claim 21 reads upon Figs. 9-11 and 14-18.

Claim 33 reads upon all 18 figures.

It is, therefore, respectfully requested that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and a prompt and favorable action on the merits be rendered.

Respectfully submitted,



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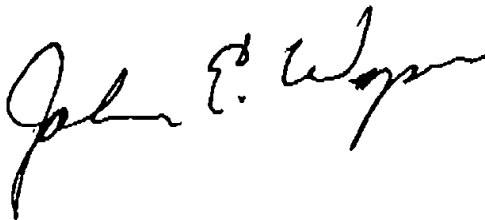
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